

Friday Bulletin

News from the Alaska State Libraries, Archives & Museums

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New Division events newsletter / Friday Bulletin drops to twice monthly

We are excited to announce that we are developing a monthly events newsletter for the Division that will list upcoming events and exhibits at the APK in Juneau and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka. It is tentatively called @APK and SJM and you can expect to see the first issue highlighting May happenings in mid-April. The first issue will be sent out widely, subsequent issues will be on an opt-in mailing list.

Because we live in times where starting something new means not doing as much of something else, the *Friday Bulletin* will become a twice monthly newsletter starting in April 2017. We will publish on the first and third Fridays of each month. We do not anticipate individual issues becoming larger.

Alaska State Museums and Haines Library nominated for IMLS National Medal

The Alaska State Museums are among 30 finalists for the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The prestigious award, the nation's highest for museums and libraries, is given by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. The institute also has named the Haines Borough Public Library as a finalist.

The Alaska State Museums are composed of the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka, and their services to local museums statewide.

The finalists "represent the leading museums and libraries that serve as catalysts for change in their communities," said Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

"This honor means much to the staff of the Alaska State Museums and to their colleagues in the State Library and State Archives," said Patience Frederiksen, Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. "Innovation in museum services, the passion to tell Alaska's fascinating story through objects, and devotion to assisting all of Alaska's museums to develop programs for their communities – the State Museums' staff exhibit all of these characteristics in their daily work. This honor validates years of effort by the State Museums."

The institute is encouraging community members who have visited the museums or used their services to share their story on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/USIMLS.

"All of Alaska is the Alaska State Museums' community. This nomination is well-deserved," said Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Learning, which includes the State Library, the State Archives, and the State Museums.

During fiscal year 2016, the Alaska State Museums answered 3,100 reference questions and trained more than 500 museum staff from other institutions. The State Museums hold 39,000 natural history and cultural objects that delineate Alaska history. The State Museums hosted 175,000 visitors that year.

As well, the Alaska State Museums support the growth, development, and excellence of museums and tribal cultural centers by providing advanced technical support, onsite consultations and assessments; administering grants; writing grants to support professional development; coordinating an internship program; and continuously engaging constituents through online media.

The institute will announce the National Medal winners later this spring. Representatives from winning institutions will travel to Washington, D.C. to be honored at an award ceremony. To learn more about the institute, see <http://www.ims.gov>. For more about the Alaska state Museums, see <http://museums.alaska.gov/>

Alaska Sesquicentennial materials protected at APK

The Juneau Empire recently featured the work of guest paper conservator Seth Irwin in preserving documents from the time of America's purchase of Russian interests in Alaska in 1867. For the full story please see:

Alaska's 150th anniversary: Juneau lab preserves historical documents by James Brooks, Juneau Empire, 3/20/2017 - <http://juneauempire.com/state/2017-03-20/alaskas-150th-anniversary-juneau-lab-preserves-historical-documents#>

NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA

Homer Public Library include in Ideabook: Libraries for families

We're happy to announce that Homer Public Library is included in the new Public Library Association publication "Ideabook: Libraries for families." The book may be downloaded at <https://globalfrp.org/Articles/Libraries-for-the-21st-Century-It-s-A-Family-Thing>.

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Fair Use demonstrated in Public Knowledge parody video

As part of Fair Use Week back in February, the group Public Knowledge created a parody of Frozen's "Let it go" that demonstrates Fair Use:

[Let Them Go: A Copyright Policy Song \(YouTube\)](#)

For more about Fair Use Week, visit <http://www.fairuseweek.org>. For more about Public Knowledge, visit <https://www.publicknowledge.org/>.

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